GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER SUPPLY TO VILLAGES BY PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution made by the Private Sector in the field of electrification of villages in the country;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the Private Sector distribution companiesare extremely reluctant to continue with the power supply to rural areas;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Presently, there is no private company engaged in the field of electrification of villages.

(b) : Distribution of electricity has been privatized in the National CapitalTerritory of Delhi and Orissa. The private distribution companies have not indicated any reluctance to continue with power supply to rural areas.

(c) & (d) : In view of above, question does not arise.